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EVA KIS, FEATURES EDITOR

In case you've been too busy or distracted, this Thursday is Valentine's Day. And while we can't think of anything less romantic than sitting down to a prix fixe meal at a restaurant — who wants to pay for the privilege of not choosing their meal? — there are plenty of ways to celebrate the holiday to make it actually memorable. We've got 14 ideas for every kind of couple.

WELCOME TO
METRO.USUS candidate Harris says
she tried pot — and inhaled

1 U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, a former prosecutor who is seeking the Democratic Party's 2020 presidential nomination, said on Monday she had smoked marijuana in college and supported its legalization. The California Democrat told the syndicated radio show "The Breakfast Club" at Power 105.1 in New York that she smoked pot while attending Howard University in Washington in the 1980s. "And I did

inhale," she said, laughing, in a swipe at former President Bill Clinton, who famously said he had tried marijuana but had not inhaled. Harris, 54, is among a diverse and growing group of Democrats seeking to challenge Republican President Donald Trump in next year's presidential election. Fellow Sens. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts launched their bids over the weekend.

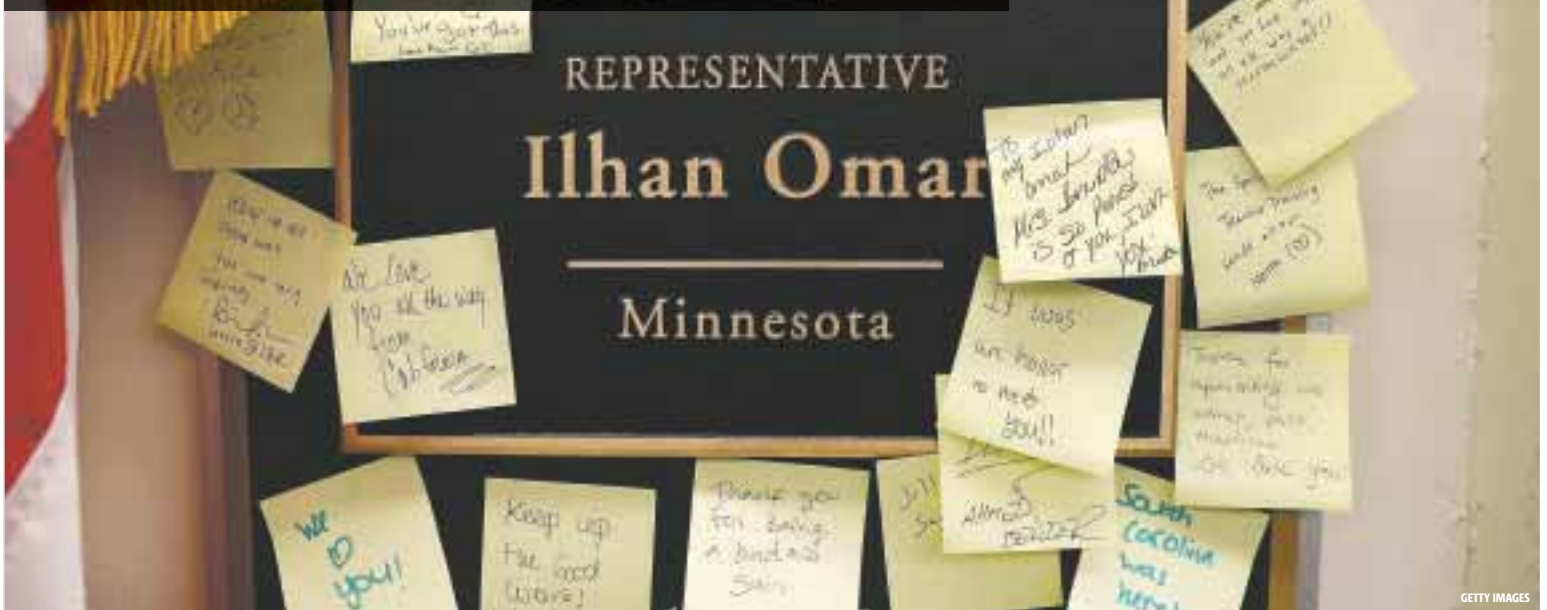
Heisman winner Murray
chooses NFL over baseball

2 Kyler Murray announced on social media Monday that he is giving up baseball and will pursue his dreams of being an NFL quarterback. "Moving forward, I am firmly and fully committing my life to being an NFL quarterback," Murray stated in the post. "Football has been my love and my passion my entire life. I was raised to play QB, and I very much look forward to dedicating 100 percent of myself to being the best QB possible and winning

NFL championships." That shuts the door on the possibility he will play for the Oakland Athletics, who made him the No. 9 overall pick in last June's draft. After the draft, Murray signed with the A's and received a \$4.66 million signing bonus, a payment he will have to return. According to published reports, Murray will return \$1.29 million of the \$1.5 million he received last year. He forfeits the remaining \$3.16 million due March 1.

House Democrats denounce a controversial tweet by
Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN), others show support

3 Notes of support are posted on the nameplate outside the office of Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) in the Longworth House Office Building on Monday in Washington, D.C. Omar is drawing criticism from both sides of the aisle for what some say was an anti-Semitic tweet.

VA Dems hold fire on
Fairfax impeachment

4 Virginia Democrats pressured Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax to resign on Monday over accusations of sexual assault, which he denies, but held off on pursuing impeachment, with the Republican speaker of the state House urging restraint. Fairfax is one of three top state Democrats engulfed by scandal this month. Gov. Ralph Northam and Attorney General Mark Herring have also faced criticism after admitting they wore blackface in the 1980s.

Patrick Hope, a Democratic member of Virginia's House of Delegates, said he believed Fairfax should have resigned already after two women accused him of sexual assault, but added he would not move immediately on his weekend call for impeachment proceedings. Adding to the pressure, much of the lieutenant governor's staff have resigned since the second accuser came forward on Friday, according to his spokeswoman, Lauren Burke.

Refugee Bahraini footballer
heads home to Australia

5 A refugee Bahraini footballer with residency status in Australia boarded a flight for Melbourne early Tuesday after Bahrain dropped its bid to have him extradited from Thailand, bringing to an end a case that had drawn international criticism. Hakeem al-Araibi, 25, who fled Bahrain in 2014 and received refugee status in Australia, was arrested in November last year at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport while on a honeymoon trip, fol-

lowing an Interpol notice issued at the Gulf state's request. He was seen chatting happily before boarding a Thai Airways flight that was due to leave for Melbourne shortly after midnight. Araibi has lived in Australia since 2014 and plays there for a local soccer club. The detention of Araibi, who appeared with his feet in shackles at a court hearing last week, drew international criticism, with Australian authorities urging Thailand to release him.

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NETFLIX AND SURVEYMONKEY

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There is a medical clinic in New York City called **NYC Pain MD**. Actually two of them... in different parts of the city. I'm not sure... but if I'm right... you may want to call them after reading this. If so, their phone number 877-907-2934.

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NYC Pain MD offers innovative treatments for back and neck pain using modern techniques without hospitals or surgical centers.

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NEWS



Ruben Diaz Sr.

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Diaz Sr asked to resign over homophobic comments

Ruben Diaz's continued refusals to apologize have sparked calls for resignation, which he has also refused.



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After making several comments insinuating that New York's City Council is controlled by homosexuals, Bronx-based City Councilman Ruben Diaz Sr. has both refused to apologize and now, refused to resign, despite pressure from numerous city groups.

"To all of you out there who are asking me to resign," Diaz tweeted on Sunday, "Sorry to disappoint you but You should Know that the only ones that can ask me to resign are the residents of the 18th C. D. and that will be on Nov. 2021. That's why we have election!!!!"

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Ruben Diaz Sr., on Twitter

Among the groups calling for Diaz's resignation include the New York City Council's Progressive Caucus, which includes council members Jimmy Van Bramer, Ydanis Rodriguez, Carlos Menchaca, Jumaane Williams and more than 15 others. Both the City Council's LGBTQ Caucus and Women Caucus

have also called for his resignation.

"The recent comments from Council Member Rev. Ruben Diaz, Sr. were a malicious and repulsive attack on the LGBTQ community," the caucus' statement reads. "In solidarity and support of the LGBTQ Caucus, Speaker Johnson and the greater LGBTQ community, we call on Council Member Diaz to resign his position effective immediately."

Rodriguez previously endorsed Diaz in his campaign for his seat in 2017, something that queer advocacy groups opposed at the time, calling Diaz "the city's most notorious homophobe."

Diaz claimed over the weekend that he did not intend his remarks to be offensive, commenting, "I am giving them credit. They are in control, they have power, influence."

Diaz currently serves as chairperson for the Committee on For-Hire Vehicles, a position that Speaker Corey Johnson, who is openly gay, appointed him to. According to the Gotham Gazette, Diaz is not the only City Council member in a leadership position on a committee — Council Member Fernando Cabrera serves as chairperson on the Committee on Governmental Operations, and espoused anti-marriage equality opinions as recently as 2014.

Van Bramer, who refused to support Diaz's original run for his council seat in 2017, has announced a demonstration outside City Hall on Tuesday to call for Diaz's resignation. Additionally, Speaker Johnson reported that he is looking into taking disciplinary action for Diaz's comments.

"Nothing is off the table," he said.

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'El Chapo' jurors appear to focus on top US charge; no verdict

The jury weighing the fate of accused Mexican drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman on Monday appeared focused on the main charge against him, whether he engaged in a continuing crime spree that could land him in prison for life.

Jurors left the federal courtroom in Brooklyn after failing to reach a verdict in their fifth day of deliberations, which began on Feb. 4. They are expected to resume deliberations on Tuesday morning.

Guzman faces 10 criminal counts related to what prosecutors say is his trafficking tons of cocaine, heroin, marijuana and methamphetamine into the United States as leader of the Sinaloa cartel, named for his home state in northwestern Mexico.

The defendant escaped twice from maximum-security Mexican prisons before his most recent capture, in January 2016. He was extradited to the United States a year later. Small in stature, Guzman's nickname means "Shorty."

On Monday, the jury reheard or was given testimony from two federal officials who testified during Guzman's trial, which began three months ago.

Jurors also asked the

trial judge, U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan, whether they had to agree unanimously that the government had proven, or not proven, Guzman's criminal responsibility for individual drug shipments.

Cogan directed them to review his earlier jury instructions for an answer.

The requests suggest that jurors might be focused on the first and most complex of the counts Guzman faces, whether he had been "engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise."

That count includes 26 different alleged drug violations, many involving tons of cocaine, and calls for jurors to decide whether Guzman was criminally responsible for three or more as part of a "continuing series of violations."

The defense has said Guzman was set up as a "fall guy" by Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, a Sinaloa drug kingpin who remains at large. Prosecutors have said Guzman and Zambada were partners.

More than 50 witnesses testified during the trial, including 14 former Guzman associates who agreed to cooperate with U.S. prosecutors.

The cooperators offered detailed accounts

of the Sinaloa cartel's inner workings and Guzman's purported role as boss, including his penchant for murdering his enemies. **REUTERS**



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BRIEF

Browns sign troubled running back Kareem Hunt

Running back Kareem Hunt signed a one-year deal with the Cleveland Browns on Monday, the team announced.

Hunt, a Pro Bowl pick as a rookie in 2017 with the Kansas City Chiefs, is currently on the exempt list while the NFL investigates an assault captured on video last February.

The incident prompted his release by the Chiefs in November.

Hunt would become a restricted free agent in March 2020, which is significant because the Browns would retain rights of first refusal if another team signs Hunt to an offer sheet.

ESPN's Adam Schefter reported Monday that Hunt was facing a "10- or 12-game" suspension and could even be suspended for the "majority or the entire 2019 season."

Browns general manager John Dorsey drafted Hunt out of Toledo and has been in contact with him during an ongoing suspension.

"My relationship and interaction with Kareem since 2016 in college was an important part of this decision-making process, but we then did extensive due diligence with many individuals, including clinical professionals, to have a better understanding of the person he is today and whether it was prudent to sign him," Dorsey said in a statement. **REUTERS**



Valentine's Day is Thursday!

ISTOCK

You'll love these Valentine's Day ideas

Skipping the prix fixe dinners? We've rounded up 14 amazing ideas for two this Valentine's night that still have tickets available.



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Make it a game night

Singles and couples are challenged to Take Back Your VDay, a night of gaming by the creators of custom board games at Bundle. The alternative Valentine's Day event at Rise New York brings back a pop-up version of the Museum of Broken Relationships, where guests are invited to contribute an item, plus Valentine-making and dream card readings. Oh, and pizza, beer and wine! Feb. 14, 7-10 p.m., 43 W. 23rd St., \$20, eventbrite.com

A tale of two bodies

Hungary's visionary Re-cirquel Company is taking to the skies of Brooklyn with "Non Solus," an aerial circus act of trust. Performed without a net, the show — whose title translates to Not Alone — is a "sublime duet" of two people searching for love but also unity with the world, blending modern circus techniques with dancing for a sensual performance that speaks to the longing in us all. Feb. 14-16, 30 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, \$30 and up, bam.org

Soak in the love

Have a steamy Valentine's night at the Russian baths courtesy of Gemini & Scorpio. They've reserved all of Brooklyn Banya for 50 fun-loving couples with a vodka open bar, a brass band to keep the dance floor lively, plus all the usual spa services, Russian food and rooftop hookah. \$40-\$65, 7 p.m.-2 a.m. 602 Coney Island Ave., brownpapertickets.com

Get silly

There's a new Instagram-ready pop-up every day, but Color Factory has stuck around, and not just because you get treats like macarons, candies and ice cream along with photo ops throughout the space. It genuinely brings people closer together, including a fun drawing exercise, a ball pit and a Saturday Night Fever-style dance floor. 251 Spring St., \$38, colorfactory.co

Seduce your senses

Before you get down to your skivvies, watch as New York's top burlesque group takes it (almost) all off for a Valentine's Night show. Upstairs at City Winery's intimate Loft space, Nasty Canasta leads a night of beautiful and brilliant performers including Delysia La Chatte, Logan Laveau and Rex Halligan. 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., \$22, 155 Varick St., citywinery.com

A new musical about love

Evan Kaufman and Rebecca Vigil have been hailed as "reliably brilliant" by The New York Times for their improv show "Your Love, Our Musical!" Watch as the comedy power couple picks one lucky(?) pair from their audience and creates an all-singing tribute to their relationship. 21+, doors at 6:30 p.m., \$15-\$20, Caveat, 21A Clinton St., caveat.nyc

Bubbling up

Get your bloodstream fizzing with some bubbly at the Institute of Culinary Education's Valentine's Day Champagne Gala. Led by sommelier Richard Vayda, you'll get the 411 on the world of sparkling wines from vintage to rosé with paired hors d'oeuvres. After the learning is done, there's a full buffet and, of course, more sparkling wine. \$150, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 225 Liberty St., recreational.ice.edu

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Catch a movie

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Renew your vows

Every Valentine's Day, Times Square rolls out the red carpet for lovers. Besides commissioning a new piece of love-inspired public art — this year it's a giant X with a heart-shaped hole in the middle — there's the annual vow renewal ceremony for hundreds of couples. This year's ceremony will start with a musical number from the cast of Broadway's "Pretty Woman," and two lucky lovers will walk away with tickets to see the show. Free, 6-6:30 p.m., 46th Street and Broadway, eventbrite.com

Groove to retro beats

Remember the time where some of your first love memories were made: 1992. Lot 45's annual Valentine's Day dance night welcomes Vashtie's 1992 Party with DJ sets by Odalys, Stonie Blue, Miss Milan, Deemehlow and Loyal Duce. 10 p.m.-5 a.m., free entry before 11 p.m., lot45bushwick.com

Art class for lovers

You'll have the MoMA all to yourselves for its

annual Valentine Tours. A candlelight reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres kicks off the intimate evening, when the museum is closed to usual guests. A private group tour will take you through the museum's current exhibitions and favorite permanent galleries — before they all close for three months in mid-June for a museum-wide reimagining. \$113 per person, 7-8:30 p.m., 11 W. 53rd St., moma.org

Love on Broadway

If you like to love out loud, then "A Very Broadway Valentine's Day" is for you. Feinstein's/54 Below hosts showbiz couples from some of the biggest shows in the Theater District, like "Book of Mormon" and "Wicked," who'll share their love stories between singing Broadway's most romantic showstoppers. \$45-\$90, 7 and 9:30 p.m., 254 W. 54th St., 54below.com

Try something new

Planning to spend your Valentine's Day doing more than talking about love? Stop by Babeland on your way, where from 6 p.m. until closing there will be champagne for everyone, giveaways from the Wheel of Pleasure, and 10 percent off everything. 43 Mercer St., SoHo

Get your portrait drawn
Fashion illustrator Laura Kay will render you two in all your stylish splendor with a couples portrait that looks destined for the runway. The Diary Sketches creator will be drawing portraits of happy couples, besties and families in the lobby of Dream Downtown — if only one of you can escape the office, she can work off a photo too. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 355 W. 16th St.



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"Your Love, Our Musical!" PROVIDED

How does art get in the subway?

A lot of exciting underground art has been unveiled recently — and yours could be next.



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Even in the middle of winter there's always something blooming in New York City, and this year it was in the most unlikely place: the 28th Street subway stop on the 6 train. Brooklyn-based artist Nancy Blum's flowers — all found in nearby Madison Square Park — captivated the city, and she's not the only one who's been capturing attention lately.

Rico Gatson's striking mosaics of African-American leaders lived up 167th Street in the Bronx in January, while in Washington Heights the 163 St.-Amsterdam Ave. C station also got striking bouquets by artist Firelei Baez. Inspiring quotes line



Yoko Ono's "Sky" at the 72nd Street B/C station. PATRICK CASHIN / MTA

the walls of the Cortlandt Street stop on the 1 line, reopened last September, 17 years after the World Trade Center towers fell.

And November saw two destination-worthy additions to the subway system: Six murals by Yoko Ono brought the sky underground at the 72nd Street B/C stop, while the 23rd Street F/M station went to the dogs with six Weimaraner portraits by

artist William Wegman.

So we wondered, how does art get into the subways? We asked Sandra Bloodworth, director of the MTA Arts & Design program, to tell us — and how your work could be next.

A neighborhood gift

Art has been part of the New York City subway system since it opened in 1904, from the Art Deco



"Beacons" by Rico Gatson at the 167th Street B/D station. OVONKE UKPOKO / MTA

entrances to the elaborately designed station mosaic signs designed by the same teams that build the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and the Bronx Zoo.

"Then-Chief Engineer [William Barclay] Parsons knew New Yorkers had never gone underground to travel, so this was quite a novel idea," says Bloodworth. "In order to entice people below ground, it needed to be inviting,

it needed to be a place where people were comfortable."

It was also part of a larger movement at the turn of the 20th century called City Beautiful, a theory that "if you create these grand civic beautiful spaces, it would bring out the better nature of our citizens," Bloodworth says.

Fast-forward to the early '80s and the budget crisis that nearly left New

York City bankrupt: The MTA is a system covered in graffiti and trash, with trains breaking down and stations showing the effects of decades of neglect.

To regain the public's respect and trust, the MTA founded Arts & Design, and since then has placed over 300 new works in subway and bus stations in New York City, the LIRR and Metro North.

How are artists chosen?

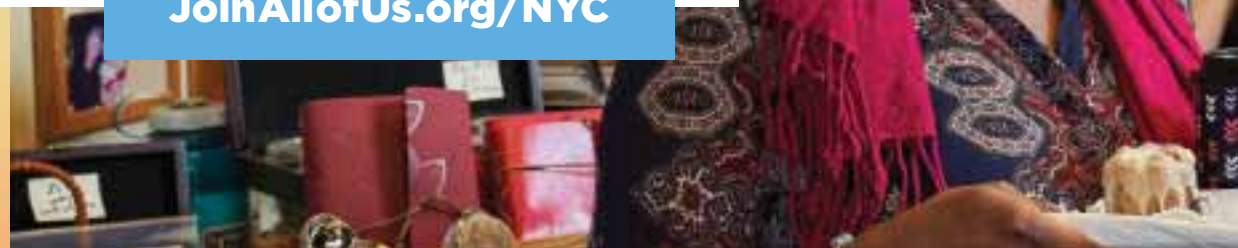
MTA renovations are planned years in advance, and when a station needs work to the point that it must be closed, that's when MTA Arts & Design comes in.

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These members are different for each station, chosen from their surrounding communities. And yes, even Yoko Ono had to apply — more specifically, someone from her Chelsea gallery noticed the station right below her building was up for grabs and applied on her behalf.

These open calls can happen at any time, but the agency can sometimes go months or years without one. They also keep portfolios in case an artist would be better matched with a later project.

"We've commissioned over 315 artworks, and I would say the majority are emerging and mid-career," says Bloodworth. Just don't ask her to pick a favorite: "I could give you 315 reasons why each of these projects is special, because they're all for the community they're in."

Who funds the art?

Art in the subways is a gift to NYC residents as well as tourists and anyone else who comes through, but funding for it actually comes from the federal government.

While artwork is



Re-opening of the 28th Street station on the Lexington Avenue 6 line on Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, after a renovation and rehabilitation project. MARC A. HERMANN / MTA



"Chorus" by Ann Hamilton at the Cortlandt Street 1 station. PATRICK CASHIN / MTA

among the most visible of the improvements made to a station, everything done during a renovation has the same goal.

"Most importantly, our mission is to move

people," says Bloodworth. "We believe the inclusion of good design and the inclusion of art entices people not only to use the system, but also to feel good in the system."



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1 bedroom	\$2,230	4	1 person	\$76,458 - \$95,030
			2 people	\$76,458 - \$108,550
			3 people	\$76,458 - \$122,070
2 bedroom	\$2,475	4	2 people	\$84,858 - \$95,030
			3 people	\$84,858 - \$122,070
			4 people	\$84,858 - \$135,590
			5 people	\$84,858 - \$146,510
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			3 people	\$86,743 - \$122,070
			4 people	\$86,743 - \$135,590
			5 people	\$86,743 - \$146,510

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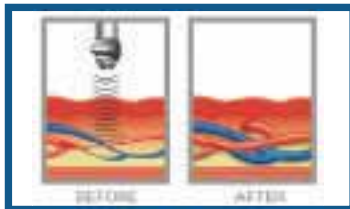


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Blue light illuminates the night sky after an explosion at a Queens power plant on Dec. 27, 2018.

GETTY IMAGES

No easy answers in 'Astoria Borealis' transformer hearing

Con Ed executives maintained that any source of energy runs the same risk.



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A City Council hearing on Monday found no easy solutions to the December transformer fire that lit up the New York skyline electric blue. Despite City Councilman Costa Constantinides' effort to advance greener energy as a possible solution to such problems, Con Edison executives maintained that it wouldn't have made much of a difference in the Astoria incident.

"Families across the street had their foundations shook, families didn't know if they had to evacuate," Constantinides said. "This blue light was a spotlight, shining a light on the challenges our communities in Queens face every day."

On the night of Dec. 27, 2018, a fire in a power substation caused a "sustained arc flash discharge," which was quickly dubbed "Astoria Borealis." The malfunction not only caused an impressive light show, but knocked out power for LaGuardia

Airport, Rikers Island and residential neighborhoods in and around the Astoria neighborhood of Queens.

"We need to transition to renewable sources and ensure our communities have a renewable future."

Costa Constantinides,
NYC councilman

As a solution to the power outage caused by the transformer fire, Constantinides proposed replacing city gas-fired power plants with battery grids powered by renewable energy sources, not just because of environmental justice, but because such power plants come with serious risks to the health of their surrounding communities, he said. And, as he pointed out, New York's gas-fired power plants tend to be in lower-income, majority-minority communities.

"Questions have been raised about whether grid-scale battery storage facili-

ties would have been able to mitigate these outages," Constantinides said. "We need to transition to renewable sources and ensure our communities have a renewable future."

Several Con Edison executives were called to testify, maintaining that the Astoria Borealis incident was unrelated to the source of the energy, but was due to equipment failure of a "voltage monitoring system."

"So far, we have replaced the faulty equipment, we have installed a redundant system and are working directly with the manufacturer to minimize the chance of this happening again," said Milovan Blair, a senior vice president at Con Ed.

"What happened in Astoria was in a substation, which you would need for a solar farm, wind farm, any kind of green power that you might set up. It still could have happened regardless of what type of power we use," said Con Ed spokesman Michael Clendenin.

Con Ed executives maintained that the company's transition to clean energy is already underway, something about which Constantinides remarked to WCBS 880, "We're going to hold them accountable to that."

Important Knee Arthritis Pain Alert

“Study Shows Simple Treatment Helps Avoid Knee Replacement Surgery For 3 out of 4 Worst Cases At Least 7.3 Years...”

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...you can finally do all the things and enjoy life (just like everyone else) without constant, nagging pain...

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...Because that's all it will take for one of our expert doctors to show you what we believe to be the safest, and most effective knee arthritis pain treatment there is...

I know you may find this hard to believe. Just about every one does when we tell them about this... *at first.*

But it doesn't take long for them to turn from skeptic to raving fan as soon as their pain improves so fast.

Do You Have An Open Mind?

So, I'm not asking you to believe me just yet. All I ask is you approach this and read the rest of this information with an open mind. If you give us a chance, we promise, you won't be disappointed...

Because There is Proof Real medical proof.

Here it is. A leading Orthopedic Surgeon and knee pain expert was getting excellent results with this non-surgical treatment on his own patients. In fact, this study involved almost 2000 patients followed over 10 years.

And more specifically, he was getting amazing results the way HE was doing this treatment using high tech imaging for precise technique... just like we do it.

And he wanted to prove... beyond a shadow of a doubt... the results he got... were not only REAL... they could most likely work for others just like you.

So he conducted some research, an 11 year project, and is was published in the "Journal of Knee Surgery"... a Real and REPUTABLE medical journal (A copy of this research is available on our website or by mail)

What were his results and what do they mean for your pain?

In this study he found that 75% of the severe knee arthritis pain patients he treated... and were facing knee replacement surgery... did not need to have knee replacement surgery... and were still OK 7.3 years later!

This is incredible news for you... and here's why...

The patients in this study were Stage 4 knee arthritis. That's the most advanced and worst stage. These are the cases that are usually sent for knee replacement surgery.

These patients had also gone through the common medical treatments like pain and anti-inflammatory pills, physical therapy etc. and all that had failed.

So... these were the WORST cases of which everything else had failed... YET, after this treatment, 75% still did not need knee replacement even more than 7 years later.

And it gets better. The study only collected data up to that time. It is pretty safe to say that many may never need surgery.

Bottom line: This study clearly showed this treatment is safe and extremely effective even for the worst cases.

So, even if you aren't one of the worst cases... imagine what it can do for you.

What IS This Treatment And How Can You Find Out If It Can Help You?

As studied as this treatment is... you may have an "Oh No!" reaction. Why? Because there is a very good chance you have heard of it. You may have even given it a try... and NOT gotten good results.

That's because this treatment is actually pretty common now a days. But... and this is a very big BUT... there is a very specific way to apply this treatment (as done in the study) that makes it so successful. And many are NOT doing it this way.

So... please hear us out. This really might be the answer you are looking for.

Ok... here is the treatment and the full scoop on why it works so well... when done THIS WAY.

The treatment is called "viscosupplementation." It is frequently called, "gel treatment." Or "joint oil".

In this treatment, a gel is painlessly injected directly into your arthritic joint. This lubricates the joint, reduces friction... and allows more movement without all the inflammation and "grinding" caused by arthritis. This is like putting oil on a rusty hinge. Once the oil is applied, the hinge can move much better.

But here is something you must know: In that research project, all of the procedures were done with highly advanced imaging to guide the injections and make sure the gel got into the joint space area ultra-precisely.

This is EXTREMELY important... because... research also shows that injections done WITHOUT this imaging to guide them... can miss the joint space about one third of the time.

That means, in one third of the injections, the gel wasn't in the joint space and couldn't possibly work!!!

We feel this is why so many people have tried this treatment and DIDN'T get good results like in the patients in this research.

So, if you have already had this treatment and it didn't work... was it done with this advanced medical imaging?

If not... there is still hope.

In fact, there is a very good chance you can still get relief.

Here is why: NYC Pain MD is a medical clinic located at 65 Broadway Suite 1004 New York, NY 10006.

We have physicians who focus in this treatment... and we use the advanced imaging to make sure the treatments are extremely precise and get the best results possible.

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So my big question for you is - is the opportunity to wake up tomorrow morning... and every other morning for the rest of your life... with less pain... worth the 60 minutes it will take to be evaluated?

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Maybe it's none of the things I've mentioned. But, you do have hopes and dreams. We all do. And pain robs you of the opportunity to live out those hopes and dreams. Robs you of the life you really and desperately want... and deserve.

Whatever YOUR personal hopes and dreams are... They are all possible if you take action... right now.

All you have to do is give this a chance and schedule for the screening. But then again...

What's also possible is that your pain starts getting worse. And that happens to so many people from just doing nothing.

Taking action may seem like a little work... or... it may even be a little scary for you - but not taking actions is almost always worse. The eight most dangerous words to your future, your health, and your hopes and dreams just may be...

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Suspect in synagogue massacre pleads not guilty to new charges

Robert Bowers faces 63 criminal counts.

The man accused of massacring 11 people at a Pittsburgh synagogue last year in the deadliest attack on a U.S. Jewish institution pleaded not guilty on Monday in federal court to more than a dozen additional charges including hate crimes.

The suspect, Robert Bowers, is accused of bursting into the Tree of Life synagogue in the city's Squirrel Hill neighborhood on Oct. 27 armed with three handguns and a semi-automatic rifle, and firing on congregants as he shouted "All Jews must die."

Bowers, 46, pleaded not guilty to 19 fresh

charges, which bring the total number of criminal counts he is facing to 63, including use of a firearm to commit murder and obstruction of religious exercise resulting in death.

Federal prosecutor Tony Rivetti said it will take up to three weeks to determine if the government will seek the death penalty.

One of Bowers' attorneys, Judith Clarke, a death penalty specialist, said the defense hoped to settle without trial. A negotiated plea deal could allow Bowers to avoid facing the risk of execu-

tion.

Bowers, who had frequently posted anti-Semitic slurs and conspiracy theories online, sat quietly through the hearing, dressed in a short-sleeved red jumpsuit and shackled at the ankles. He replied

"yes" when U.S. District Judge

Donetta Ambrose

asked if he understood the charges, and he said he wanted to be tried by a jury.

A member of the congregation in attendance at the hearing, Jon Pushinsky, said, "We are here to bear witness. We are here to show that this act of violence will not deter us



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A woman stands at a memorial outside the Tree of Life synagogue after a shooting there left 11 people dead in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh on Oct. 27, 2018. **ALL GETTY IMAGES**

from serving our community."

The victims of the attack included a 97-year-old woman, two brothers in their 50s and a married couple in their 80s. Two civilians and five police officers were wounded before the suspect was shot by police and surrendered.

On the day of the attack, Bowers, a Pittsburgh resident, said online, "I can't sit by and watch my people get slaughtered. Screw your

"We are here to bear witness. We are here to show that this act of violence will not deter us from serving our community."

Jon Pushinsky,
congregation member

optics, I'm going in."

The attack followed a wave of politically motivated pipe bombs mailed to prominent

Democrats and heightened national tensions ahead of November's midterm congressional elections.

It also fueled a national debate over the rhetoric of President Donald Trump, who critics say contributed to a surge in white nationalist and neo-Nazi activity. The Trump administration has rejected the notion he has encouraged far-right extremists who have embraced him.

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4 Ways to cut your tax bill by April 15 (yes, there's still time)

Dec. 31 has passed, but tax pros say there are still a few ways to lower your amount due ahead of the filing deadline.



NerdWallet is a personal finance website.

Come February, there isn't much you can do to save on your taxes — most tax breaks required taking action by Dec. 31 of last year. But tax pros say there are still a few maneuvers you can make to lower your tax bill before the April filing deadline.

1. Contribute to an IRA

This is one of the most popular last-minute ways to cut tax bills, says Meredith Tucker, a certified public accountant and principal of entrepreneurial services at Kaufman Rossin in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. You have until April 15 to put up to \$5,500 into a traditional IRA (\$6,500 if you're 50 or older) and earmark that contribution for 2018, even though you made it in 2019.

That could be huge because contributions to traditional IRAs can be tax-deductible, lowering your tax bill. How much you can deduct depends on your modified adjusted gross income, your filing status and whether you or your spouse are covered by a retirement plan at work.

The investments inside a traditional IRA grow tax-deferred, which is another advantage. "Even if it's going to be not deductible, I think it's a conversation worth having with your



tax professional," Tucker says.

2. Pump up your health savings account

If you have a high-deductible health insurance plan that makes you eligible for a health savings account, you can make tax-deductible contributions for 2018 until April 15, says Shomari Hearn, a certified financial planner, enrolled agent and managing vice president at Palisades Financial Group in Ft. Lauderdale. The max contribu-

tion is \$3,450 for people with self-only coverage and \$6,900 for people with family coverage. If you were 55 or older at the end of 2018, you get to add an extra \$1,000 to those limits.

3. If you're self-employed, save for retirement

You may be able to cut your 2018 tax bill by socking away some of those freelance earnings in a solo 401(k), which is a retirement plan for business owners with no employees. For 2018,

the contribution limit is \$55,000, but see IRS Publication 560 for the rules.

The account had to be open by Dec. 31 of last year, Hearn warns, but you have more time to put money into it. "The great thing about it is that you can make the contributions up until basically you file your final return for the year," he says.

4. Get organized

Categorizing your 2018 expenses and looking at year-end summaries from your bank, credit card providers and other sources are worth their weight in gold because they can reveal months-old potential deductions you may have forgotten about, Tucker says.

"The little things add up, and if you can come up with some sort of mechanism to try and capture that, that translates into real savings," she says.

If you're working with a tax preparer, you

can also save money by giving that person an organized and complete set of records as soon as possible.

"If you procrastinate and you wait to provide them with that information a couple days before the tax deadline, it creates a lot more pressure and burden and time constraints on the accountant," Hearn warns. "You can often see that your bill may be higher to prepare your tax return as a result — especially if you're habitually late in providing your information at the last minute."

Being on the ball can also get you more bang for your tax-prep buck, Tucker adds.

"If you are so harried that you come to the meeting stressed and you don't know which way is up, I think it takes away from more productive, forward-looking tax planning — and that can cost you some money," she says.

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Why sleep is your biggest secret weapon as a student

We break down the science of sleep and how it can help you get better grades.



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Okay, I won't press this issue too hard. I get it. College is a time where a good night's sleep is almost as uncommon as seeing the Chupacabra or a flying saucer stamping out crop circles in a cornfield. But what many students might not understand is that sleep is an integral part of what makes your brain retain knowledge.

There is science there to prove it, as we now have been able to pinpoint some of the distracting factors that contribute to students losing sleep in some of



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their most formative periods. Mattress company The Best Mattress recently took it upon itself to study what kinds of factors come into play when students lose valuable hours of sleep during their high school years.

After surveying 1,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade, The Best Mattress found over 50 percent of students said that TV is the main factor for why they stay up on school nights. This is followed by video games, at just



over 40 percent, and school start time — likely story — at 36 percent. (Check out their complete findings in the graph above.)

But why is this important, you may ask? Well, with these findings The Best Mattress

was also able to use its polling to find that students who averaged an “A” GPA tended to get an average of 8.1 hours of sleep a night, while “B” students averaged 7.6 hours, and “C” students averaged 7.3 hours of sleep per night.

This study goes hand in hand with some of the findings that the National Sleep Foundation has discovered over the years. Its studies have uncovered that getting an inadequate amount of sleep per night can have some serious effects on a person's problem-solving skills and overall recall, making it harder for people to retain information that is presented to them.

With these statistics, students can view these numbers as goalposts to aim between while forming both sleeping and learning habits early on. This will be crucial as students take their education to the next level by starting college in the fall. Because once these habits are formed, it may be hard to turn back.



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"African Heritage Month: A Taste of the Black Diaspora" at BMCC

Wed, Feb. 13, noon, BMCC main campus, 199 Chambers St., Richard Harris Terrace

In honor of Black History Month, BMCC's Health Education Department will be hosting a day of free food

sampling of traditional recipes from Africa, the Caribbean, and southern United States. Come with a full appetite and a willingness to learn and pay respects to these rich cultures.

Nyack College Open House

Wed, Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m., Nyack College NYC Campus, 2 Washington St.

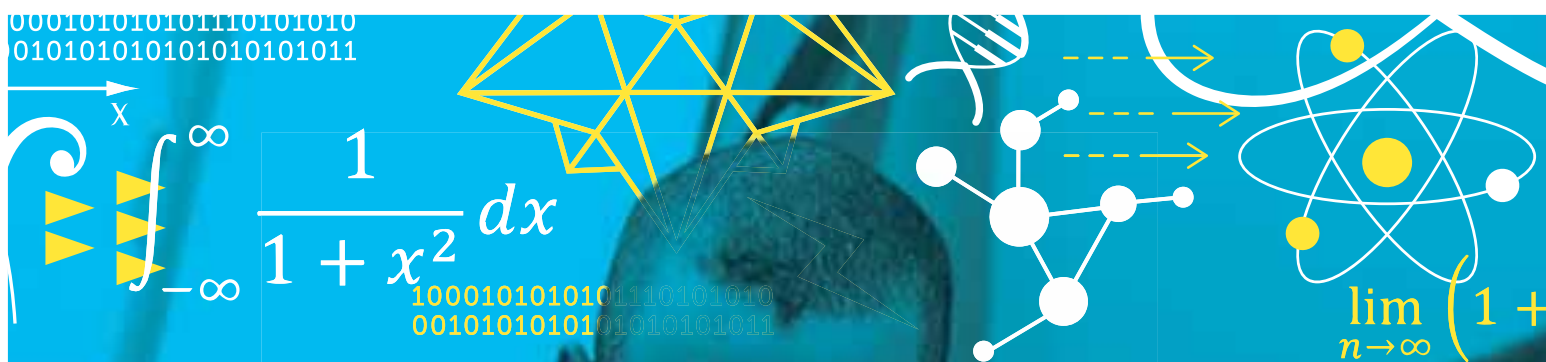
Nyack College will be holding an open house of its New York City campus this Wednesday to give prospective students a glimpse of what they will have in store in case they choose to enroll. Guests will be able to interact with both current students and faculty, all while touring

the school's gorgeous campus right in the heart of the Financial District.

Sneak preview of "Minding the Gap" at Hostos Community College

Fri, Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m., Hostos Community College, Savoy Multipurpose Room, 120 E. 149th St., 2nd floor, Bronx

Hostos Community College will be offering a sneak peek of the Oscar-nominated documentary "Minding the Gap" this Friday. The film follows three young men who find an escape from their toxic upbringings in the world of skateboarding. The event is absolutely free to the public. **PAT KING**

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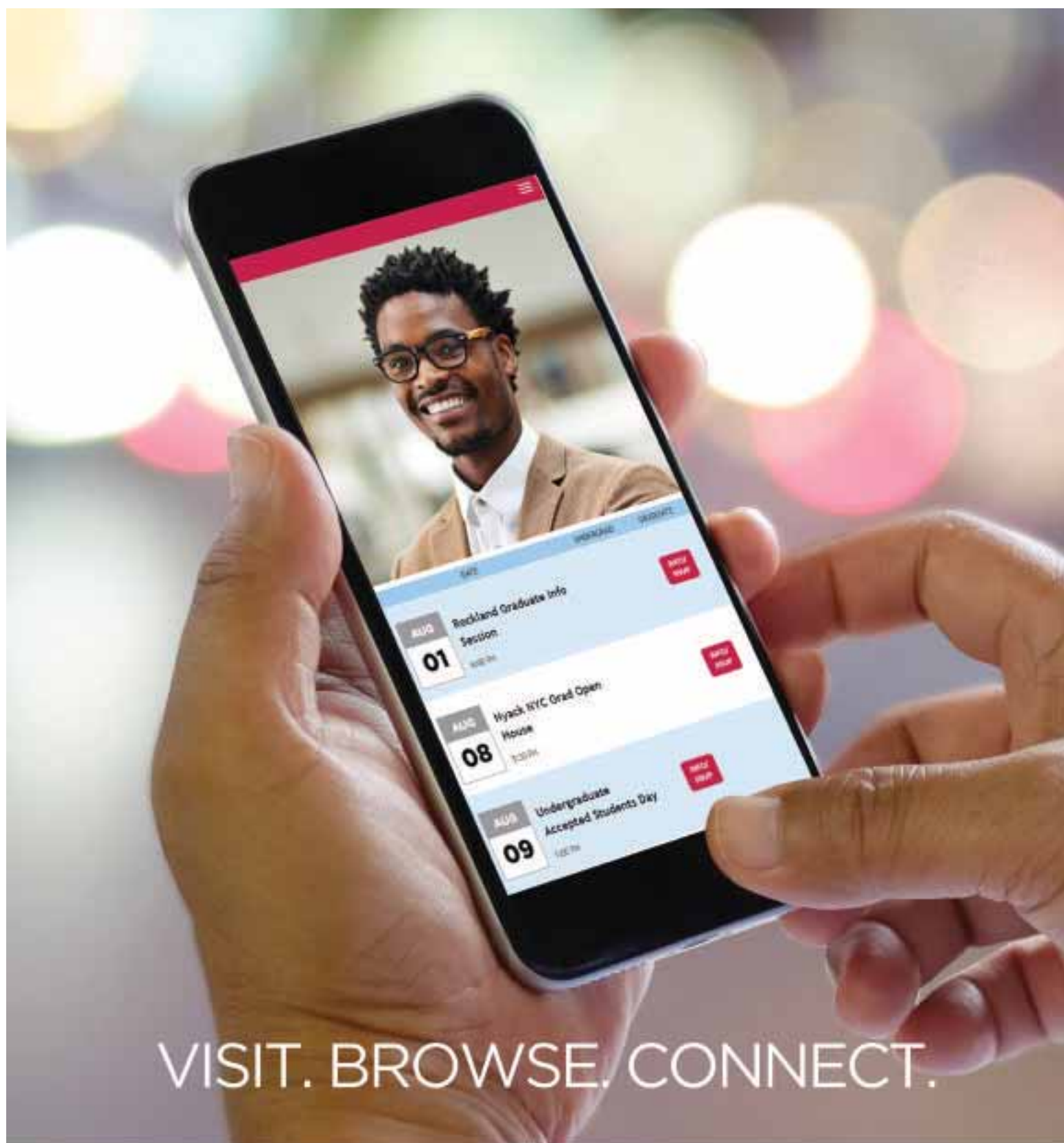


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With the weather dipping down into the negatives, the early-morning struggle is real for dog owners all over. As you head out in the morning, you not only have to bundle yourself up a little more, but making sure your dog is warm should be a priority as well. It goes without saying, but dog winter gear is one of life's great joys. That's why we want you, our trusty readers, to send in pictures of your dogs dressed to the nines in their best winter outfits! Send photos over to humble@metro.us and we will post the best ones here.



I am a 31-year commuter, but I don't get on that train until Blondie goes outside for her walk.
— BARBARA PIAZZA-ROCHE, METRO NEW YORK READER

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READER WRITE-INS:

FAST FOOD? MORE LIKE SLOW FOOD!

McDonald's, Wendy's, Shake Shack, you name it... what used to be fast food is now SLOW food. Once upon a time, one would order/pay/get their food. Now, in the interest of greed, places accept order after order and then... you wait. Sometimes you wait so long you could have gone to a restaurant with wait-staff service already. Starbucks is one of the biggest offenders. When they first opened, they offered coupons for free drinks if you waited more than a few

minutes. Now, you walk in there and it doesn't look busy and yet... you WAIT as your drink is behind five more that are "mobile orders."

I've also seen my finished drink, just in need of a lid, sitting there while the barista has started three other drinks. Just slap that lid on and give it to me already!

— Anonymous, Metro US reader

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Aries Look at every angle before you throw your hat in the ring. If you underestimate the extent of a job or an opponent's skills, you'll have trouble living up to your expectations.



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Gemini Make sure an offer is legitimate. Ask questions and take notes. If something sounds suspicious or too good to be true, it probably is. Proceed with caution.



Cancer Don't feel pressured to make a decision or change just because someone else does so. Slow down and only take the plunge when you feel the time is right.



Leo Look for opportunities that are solid and free of hidden agendas that could cause emotional turmoil. A change is favored, but it may not be lucrative.



Virgo Initiate a meeting or network with people who have something you want. Use your charm, intelligence and experience to win favors and a place at the negotiating table.



Libra Look at your options, and if you don't see one that is going to bring you what you want, go back to the drawing board and make some adjustments.



Scorpio You know your stuff, so don't hold back. Step up to the podium and say what you think. Your opinion may not please everyone, but it will establish what's possible.



Sagittarius A physical challenge will get you moving, but don't take on the impossible lest an injury slow you down. Know your strengths and weaknesses, and play to your advantage.



Capricorn Don't be surprised or intimidated by the changes others make. Do what suits your needs, and don't apologize for your choices.



Aquarius Listen to others, but don't get sucked into someone else's dilemma. The best advice you can offer is to suggest talking to an expert. Don't meddle, or you will be blamed.



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Daniel Radcliffe on making heaven a real place in *'Miracle Workers'*

"Miracle Workers" stars Karan Soni and Daniel Radcliffe with creator Simon Rich. GETTY IMAGES

The actor and show creator Simon Rich talk their new comedy series.



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What if the heaven of the Abrahamic religious tradition, which includes Judaism, Islam and Christianity, was a physical place? This is what former "Saturday Night Live" writer Simon Rich's new TBS comedy series, "Miracle Workers," imagines with Heaven, Inc., a corporate version of the afterlife. God (Steve Buscemi) is a disinterested CEO who's hellbent on doing something else. Meanwhile, angels like the lowly Craig (Daniel Radcliffe) must find a way to save Earth.

Adapted from Rich's novel "What in God's Name," "Miracle Workers" portrays a grossly mismanaged heaven

that has abandoned humanity because of corporate indifference. (Just as humanity, whose numbers have far exceeded God's original plans for the planet, has largely abandoned him.) It's part-Douglas Adams' "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" and part-workplace comedy. As Radcliffe and Rich tell Metro, however, it's nowhere near as cynical as its descriptions may seem.

It's also, more than anything, an attempt to imagine heaven as a believable, tactile place one could visit if given the chance.

"We had such a fun time creating the aesthetic of this world," says Rich. "One of the great finds was this semi-abandoned cyber optics company in Georgia, where we shot the show. It's this gigantic industrial ruin and it per-

fectedly suited our tone and theme, because it was this ramshackle, decrepit, falling-apart mess of a building. It was a perfect metaphor for our conception of the afterlife.

"One of our deals with them was that we would be allowed to use any of their garbage as props. So a lot of the props you see in the show itself are actually repurposed pieces of garbage from this abandoned factory building. It's a great example of cost-cutting, but it also served the show's creativity really well. We loved that. So did the actors."

Sure enough, when audiences first meet Radcliffe's character Craig in the seemingly abandoned Department of Answered Prayers, the bearded loner is found buried in assorted electronics and re-fuse by



"Miracle Workers" stars Karan Soni and Daniel Radcliffe with creator Simon Rich. GETTY IMAGES



newcomer Eliza (Geraldine Viswanathan). The angel has been on his own down there for so long, in fact, that he has literally covered himself up with the equipment he uses to help prayerful humans find their lost keys and gloves.

As Radcliffe explains it, having all of the shooting location's garbage proved to be a big help. That, and Rich and the writers' attention to detail.

"When you write a character like this, who has been alone for so long in this ignored department, it makes sense that he'd be all alone in all this stuff," says the actor. "He's not really going to be any good at interpersonal relationships with anyone for a while. All of that was mostly in the script already but the location and the props really helped."

Something else that helps Rich and Radcliffe (not to mention the rest of the ensemble cast) sell "Miracle Workers"'s Heaven, Inc. is the sheer amount of time that these two have spent developing the series. As the "Harry Potter" actor recalls it, the pair has been talking about this show since 2015.

"I basically said to him, 'If you ever do anything with this material, I would love to be involved in any capacity,'" says Radcliffe. "He could have simply done it as a radio play and I would have done it. I love the book so much. It's such a cinematic story."

So when Rich called Radcliffe about a year later to tell him that they were going to do it as an anthology series for TBS, the actor jumped at the chance to get involved. It didn't even matter which role he would

play, he tells Metro, so long as it meant he would get to work with Rich on the show. Once the role of Craig fell into Radcliffe's lap, the pair began workshoping the character in earnest with the other writers.

"As an actor, being a part of that process really invigorates you," he says. "It means that if and when you get the chance to improvise, it all comes from the same place if the writers are specifically catering the character to your personality. Little words or phrases that I'd throw in here and there. Stuff like that. They'd use it. Simon is a very specific writer but he's also very collaborative. So if you have a suggestion about your character, he's generally amenable to it."

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Why making 'Happy Death Day 2U' was no easy task

Israel Broussard and Christopher Landon talk us through filming the sequel.



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plaid shirt," Broussard tells Metro, while Landon admits that it was a "miserable" experience having to recreate the scenes from the original for the follow-up.

"At the end of shooting this movie everyone want-

ery department had to somehow figure that out. It was crazy. For location we had used a hospital in New Orleans. We wanted to just go back and shoot at the hospital, but they had gutted the hospital. So we had to rebuild it on the inside to make it look exactly the same.

"Even down to the background actors. Actors that were way in the distance. We had to track them, put them in the same clothes, hope they hadn't changed. So there was a lot of luck in this movie. We just got lucky that people didn't decide to lop off all their hair or gain a hundred pounds or whatever."

But while Broussard is obviously sick of the attire, he actually didn't mind having to play Carter on that day over and over again.

"It was a little difficult

When filming concluded on "Happy Death Day," Israel Broussard thought that he would never have to see the plaid shirt that his character Carter repeatedly wore ever again.

However, he didn't realize the trick that director Christopher Landon had planned for the follow-up, which sees Jessica Rothe's Tree return to the exact same day where she has to die over and over again, but this time in a different dimension, has Broussard wearing the same shirt.

"I would burn that



ed to smash their head against a wall," he insists. "Because everything was about trying to recreate something that they saw from the first movie. Ev-

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at first. But Carter is such an optimistic guy. He's a little nerdy. But he's sweet and he sees the best in people and he sees the best in every situation. As far as the continuity goes, I feel like I had a lot of freedom. The only thing that I have to be pretty conscious about is the line, 'Oh, hey, you're up.' That's the line that's kind of got to stay the same. But once she wakes up, it was fun playing off of whatever she gave me."

It also didn't help matters that there are only

16 months between release dates for the films. Broussard, who only got the script in December, admits, "We weren't expecting the turnaround to be this quick actually. I wasn't expecting the movie to be made this quick. I think we started filming at the end of May last year. So it had been a little over a year since we had filmed the first one."

"When I read this script for the first time, I thought we'd film it next year and then it'll come out in a year or two. Then

I learned that they were aiming for a Valentine's Day release toward the end of shooting. That was just a rumor going around on set. It wasn't official. So when they were like, 'Yeah we're doing it on Valentine's Day,' I was like, 'It's done? We just got off set.' So there was a lot of excitement with Blumhouse and Universal and I'm glad the turnaround happened. It is awesome."

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The ultimate Irish road trip

The Dead Rabbit boys visited more than 100 pubs to write the “Whiskey Lover’s Guide to Ireland.”



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Everyone should have “take a road trip through Ireland” on their bucket list — this is speaking from experience — and for whiskey lovers there’s now a definitive guide: “From Barley to Blarney,” written by the founders of the Dead Rabbit.

Originally from Belfast in Northern Ireland, Sean Muldoon and Jack McGarry opened the Dead Rabbit in New York in 2012 and have been raking in the awards ever since, including being named World’s Best Bar twice. But the last couple years have made them a bit homesick, so they returned to Ireland and crammed into a VW bus driven by McGarry’s father for a 4,000-mile road trip through 29 counties to

visit 111 pubs and every working whiskey distillery in Ireland.

With a little help from Irish whiskey expert Tim Herlihy, they whittled their adventure down to 50 essential pubs and 22 distilleries to reveal the

hardware store; and a pub that claims former President J.F.K. as a fan. You’ll also find recipes for 12 original Irish whiskey cocktails created by McGarry.

“We are constantly asked for our recommendations of where to go in Ireland, what to see and what to do. This book sums up our collective wisdom and was truly a labor of love,” says Muldoon.

The number of distilleries has more than quadrupled over five years, growing from seven in 2014 to 23 today, according to Herlihy. “Ireland is experiencing explosive growth in both distilleries and whiskey, and we wanted to capture this unique and historic revelation,” Muldoon says.



country’s whiskey-making history and legends. Among the notable pubs is one founded in 900 A.D. and possibly the oldest bar in the world; a pub inside a

From Barley to Blarney: A Whiskey Lover’s Guide to Ireland is out April 16, but you can get early copies starting Feb. 14 at the Dead Rabbit, which just expanded its taproom — including a dedicated space for its Irish coffee.

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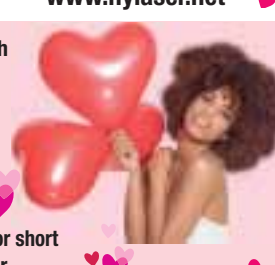
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New York is going through a championship drought.

The last New York team to win a championship were the Giants, in 2011, after their Super Bowl victory over the Patriots in Indianapolis. As our friends to the north celebrate yet another title with the Patriots and our friends to the south in Philly continue to bask in the glow of the Eagles and possibly the 76ers, we are left to wonder, why not us?

It did not hit me watching the Patriots defeat the Rams in Super Bowl LIII in Atlanta, but it hit me watching a ceremony at Madison Square Garden on Friday night. You see, it has been 25 years since the Rangers won the Stanley Cup in 1994. Even though it was a quarter of a century ago, it seems like it was yesterday. I loved that team. The talent, friction, chemistry and brilliance had me mesmerized as a teenager. Mark Messier, Brian Leetch, Mike Richter and Adam Graves

were the cornerstone pieces for a team that finally delivered for a fan base that was so starving and so deserving of a title.

As the legends were introduced to the Garden faithful and walked the red carpet to center ice to the cheers and adulation of those in attendance, it brought back so many memories of a playoff run that made all the pain of past playoff failures worth it. They were special, made even more so by my youth at the time as a teenager getting set to go to college. In a strange way, you seem to cherish some things more when you are young. Maybe, it is the little responsibility or maybe you glorify your youth as you age, but I can remember where I was for each and every one of those playoff games. It was special.

As the Rangers honored that team, it brought back a rush of memories of that spring that was so special for so many in the metropolitan area. The spring of '94 was awesome.

Nights and days of quality hockey and basketball, filled with anticipation, excitement, pure joy and adulation for the Rangers and for



Mark Messier and the 1994 Rangers are the last MSG-based team to win a championship. GETTY IMAGES

the Knicks.

It brings back great memories of going to MSG with my dad to watch Rangers hockey and watching my favorite player, Alexei Kovalev, fly up and down the ice. Going to Rye Playland to watch an open practice and the players seemed larger than life, almost superhuman, trying to accomplish what was thought to be the impossible and bring the Stanley Cup to MSG. Through the Messier guarantee, the Stephane Matteau goal against the Devils, and a gut-wrenching seven-game Stanley Cup Final against the Vancouver

Canucks, they did it.

On that decisive June night at Madison Square Garden, I was there with my dad, Paul. My uncle Pete and my cousin Peter John were there as well. To be there, on that night and to take in that legendary game and accomplishment in person is something that I will cherish forever.

Maybe that year was made more special because of the deep pain of past playoff failures and disappointments. Maybe because people were locked into the team and the games and not what was trending on social media. That team grabbed this city's at-

tention and they were loved. Hockey was more relevant in this city because of that group.

Mark Messier was the ultimate captain who delivered on his promise and goal to bring the Stanley Cup to New York. He had help, though, in the All-American puck-moving offensive defenseman in Leetch. The gritty goal-scoring machine that was the forward Graves. Mr. Lady Liberty in goal with Richter.

There was the mind-numbing talent of Kovalev and the assist machine in defenseman Sergei Zubov. Those were just a few

of the key components of a championship team that broke the curse and brought the Cup to NYC.

They were honored and rightfully so on Friday night and it made me long for the days of relevant springs as we had in '94.

Maybe the Rangers rebuild won't take quite so long and maybe the Knicks will sign Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving this summer. There is nothing definite in the two previous sentences. Uncertainty reigns supreme right now at MSG.

But what Friday night does show you and should show everyone is that this city loves its heroes and its champions and if you should ever win in this city, it is unlike anything else you have experienced in your life. In the busiest city in the world, one that famously never sleeps, it will stop every now and then to remember those great teams and players that brought the fans so much joy. Teams that touched their fans' hearts and grabbed our attention. Teams that won and players who delivered. Just ask Messier and the rest of the '94 team. They still bask in the glow of a championship from a quarter-century ago.

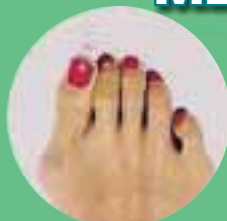
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Isles have top goalie duo in Lehner, Greiss

All the detractors who said the New York Islanders' winning ways weren't sustainable are continuing to wait for struggles to set in.

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With 55 games under their belt, the Islanders sit

in first place in the Metropolitan Division with 72 points, a five-point lead over the second-place Washington Capitals and the fifth-most points in the NHL entering Monday night.

With 27 games left to play, there is still plenty of work to be done, but first-year head coach Barry Trotz has taken the

Islanders and suddenly turned them into a contender.

Trotz and president of hockey operations Lou Lamoriello are the logical reasons as to why the Islanders have gone from a laughingstock to the top of the division. With a largely unchanged roster — minus the departure of John Tavares — that saw a few bottom-six forwards and a goalie looking for a second chance acquired during the offseason, Trotz and Lamoriello have instituted a structured, winning culture in Brooklyn and on Long Island.

The Islanders defense has done a complete 180, going from the NHL's worst defense with 296 goals allowed to the best with just 133 given up so far. Their goals per 60 minutes at even-strength play have dwindled from 2.54 last year to just 1.8, while the penalty kill has improved by almost 7 percent.

The largest contributor to that success this season



Thomas Greiss (1) and Robin Lehner (right). GETTY IMAGES

has been the goaltending duo of Robin Lehner, the netminder who got that second chance in New York, and Thomas Greiss under the tutelage of goalie coach Mitch Korn.

Korn came over from the Capitals alongside Trotz on the heels of winning the Stanley Cup, where he worked with 2016 Vezina Trophy winner Braden Holtby. He had a far more daunting task ahead of him as he had to work with a pair of Islanders goalies who had plenty to prove.

Behind the Islanders' league-worst defense last year, Greiss had the worst

year of his NHL career, allowing 3.82 goals against with a .892 save percentage. Lehner had far more to contend with after a harrowing offseason that saw him face and defeat personal demons far more imposing than anything experienced on a hockey rink.

Working with a defense that was expected to be as sieve-like as last season, expectations surrounding both goalies were obviously low.

But here we are, 55 games into the season, and both goalies have remarkably not passed out despite standing on their

heads for the past four months.

Greiss and Lehner are far and away the best goaltending duo in the NHL, ensuring Trotz has a red-hot netminder to turn to every night.

Among qualifying goalies, Lehner leads the league with a .930 save percentage and 2.05 goals against average. Right behind him in second place in both categories is Greiss with a .927 save percentage and a 2.28 goals against average.

As the Islanders have been the hottest team in the NHL since Dec. 15, winning 19 of their last 25 games, the goalies have shared the load in perfect harmony.

Most recently, Lehner was the NHL's second star of the month in January, going 6-1-1 with a 1.73 GAA and .935 SV%. Now it's Greiss who looks unbeatable between the pipes, as he has saved 154 of his last 157 shots faced over the past five games.

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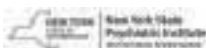
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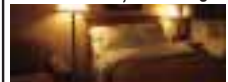
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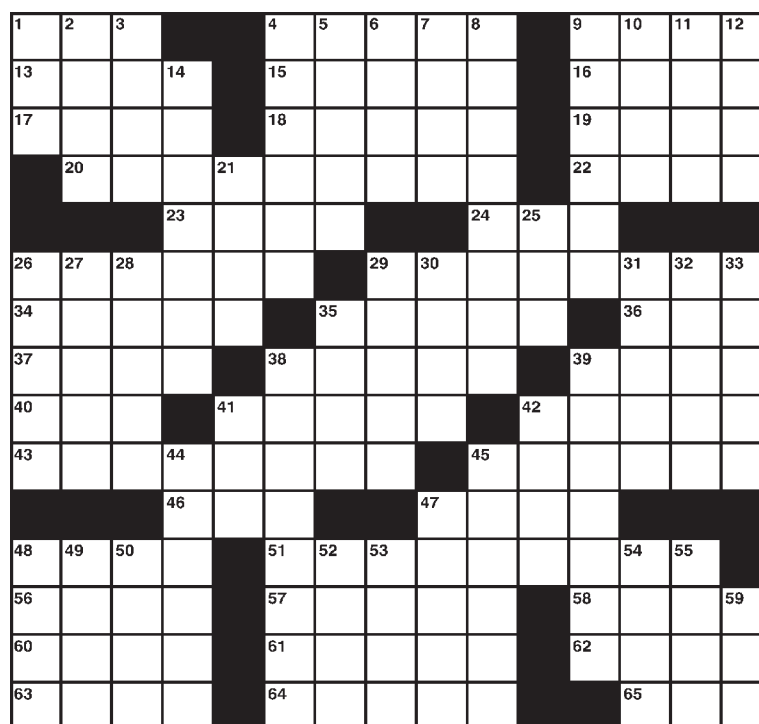
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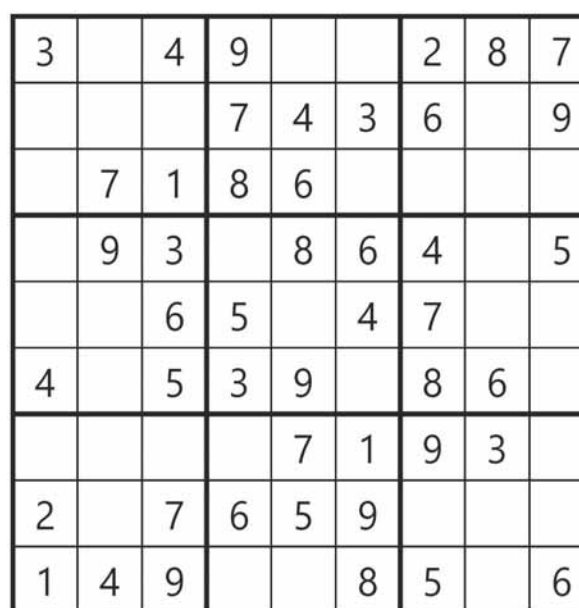
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